

# Fire Weather – What You Need to Know

What are dangerous fire weather days?

- Unseasonably warm or hot
- Very dry with low relative humidities
- Strong gusty winds
- Lightning may be present

**IF A FIRE STARTS, IT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPLOSIVE GROWTH!**

NWS Billings, MT will issue a **Fire Weather Watch** if the above conditions are expected 18 to 96 hours into the future, and a **Red Flag Warning** if conditions are imminent.

Be careful of the following during dangerous fire conditions:

- Not extinguishing cigarettes
- Hot components of farm equipment and vehicles in contact with dry grass
- Anything that could produce sparks – equipment, vehicles etc.
- Fireworks
- Campfires
- Burning brush or trash
- Flammable chemicals left in the sun or hot areas

What you can do:

- Postpone field work until danger subsides
- Carry fire suppression equipment
- Be sure to completely extinguish any fires
- Know that state and local officials may impose other safety rules during dry weather